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It now remains to secure the coöperation of hospital superintendents, who are an exceedingly busy class but who are learning that the old order of hospital administration is being replaced by a more reasonable one. It is no longer considered necessary nor right that the superintendent should be the only individual on the hospital premises who is thoroughly conversant with the details of management, but the woman superintendent has taken a leaf from the book of her brother, the man superintendent, and has decided that she also will have an understudy who shall do her work in her absence and to whom shall be delegated from time to time certain routine duties. It has cost the superintendent a pang to part with any fractional part of her beloved work, but she has learned that in this way, only, can she secure the time needed for rest and mental refreshment as well as for communicating to others what she has gained by long experience and arduous toil. It is from such women that this department hopes to hear in the near future.

This new field of usefulness to the JOURNAL and its readers is a wide one, the opportunities for honorable and consecrated service are great and it remains to be proved whether the particular powers and aptitudes required shall be granted for the realization of the best results. Surely if it is to be developed to the highest standard it must have the best from those who represent its particular branch of work. The question is not, what or where is the best but how to acquire it, how to draw it out? Who among hospital administrators or managers will be willing to give of that best which is certainly in them? It is said that problems of organization, administration and sanitary regulation challenge the highest abilities in a woman and the discipline obtained in solving them trains desirable forces. It is upon these forces that this department must now depend.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES AND THE ROBB MEMORIAL FUND

There seems to be a misunderstanding on the part of a few public health nurses (and we fear that others may share it) that public health nurses are not eligible to the benefits of the Robb Memorial Scholarship Fund. We are anxious to have them clearly understand that ever since there has been a post-graduate course in public health nursing, public health nurses have had a generous share in the awards and there is every possible claim upon public health nurses to give liberally to the fund as well as to consider it a great privilege to honor Mrs. Robb by doing so.

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